

## MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 16-17, 2023

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.8v.(4), Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT  
EXPENDITURE FOR A LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED TRAFFIC CONGESTION  
RELIEF PROGRAM PROJECT, AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE STATE  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES  
WAIVER 23-143, AMENDING WAIVER 22-104**

### **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the period of project development expenditure for the locally-administered Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Rail Extension to Monterey County, Package 2 (Salinas Layover Facility) project (PPNO 1155B), in Monterey County, for the time period identified in the attachment?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission amend the period of project development expenditure for the locally-administered TCRP Rail Extension to Monterey County, Package 2 (Salinas Layover Facility) project (PPNO 1155B), in Monterey County, for the time period identified in the attachment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2006, \$14,742,000 TCRP funds were allocated to the project's Right of Way (RW) phase and \$4,258,000 for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase. Since that time, the Commission approved RW and PS&E time extensions, due to unexpected delays caused by Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). In June 2022, the Commission approved a 14-month time extension for the RW phase of the project, however, the agency cannot meet the current

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August 31, 2023 deadline. This is a time extension amendment to a previously approved waiver as an exception to the STIP Guidelines. The attachment shows the details of the projects and the explanation for the delay.

Attachment

**Amendment Time Extension/Waiver – Project Development Expenditure  
Traffic Congestion Relief Program**

Project Number: 1  
Applicant: Transportation Agency for Monterey County  
County: Monterey  
District: 05  
PPNO: 1155B  
Allocation Amount: \$14,742,000  
Remaining Balance: \$ 683,878  
Allocation Date: 9/7/2006  
1st Waiver: Waiver 22-104  
Approved: June 2022  
Phase: Right of Way  
Number of Months Requested: ~~14 Months~~ **34 Months**  
Extended Deadline: ~~August 31, 2023~~ **April 30, 2025**  
Department Recommendation: Support

**Rail Extension to Monterey County, Package 2 (Salinas Layover Facility)**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is requesting an additional 20 months, from 14 months to 34 months, for the period of project development for the RW phase of the Rail Extension to Monterey County, Package 2 (Salinas Layover Facility) project. TAMC has experienced unexpected delays with UPRR, which has prolonged the completion of the project's RW phase.

The primary reason for the delay in completing the RW phase is the pending approval of the design documents from UPRR and acquiring or negotiating lease agreements for the remaining five land parcels owned by UPRR. TAMC submitted the design documents to UPRR on February 2, 2022. To date, UPRR has not finished reviewing the design documents, which is delaying the review and approval of the PS&E phase of the project. During 2020 and 2021, TAMC negotiated design review and capacity modeling agreements with UPRR with the assistance from the Department's Division of Transportation Planning (DOTP) and California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA). Furthermore, TAMC has contracted with two firms that have extensive experience acquiring properties from UPRR to assist with the acquisition of the remaining five land parcels. The DOTP and CalSTA are involved in negotiations with UPRR to assist TAMC in implementing the project. The additional time will enable TAMC to certify final design documents with UPRR, and complete acquisition of the remaining five parcels of land required to complete the RW phase of the project. The current schedule is to complete the RW phase by April 2025.

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Therefore, TAMC is requesting an exception to the STIP Guidelines for an additional 20 months to allow sufficient time to process and finalize the RW phase from August 31, 2023 to April 30, 2025.